GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:432
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2000
ATTACKS ON MINORITIES IN KASHMIR
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists have been attacking some specific ethnic groups in Kashmir during the last two years;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed/injured therein;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to curb such attacks and protect the ethnic groups; and

(d) the number of terrorists arrested/killed and the types of arms and ammunisation seized during the said period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI L.K.ADVANI)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.432 FOR ANSWE 25TH APRIL, 2000.

(a)&(b)In order to ensure ethnic cleansing, Pakistan sponsored terrorist organizations have resorted to attacks on minority communities in the state of Jammu & Kashmir, in the last two years. The total number of persons belonging to the minority communities, killed by the terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir, from 1st January 1998 to 31st March, 2000 is 311, of which 274 are Hindus and 37 are Sikhs. The number of persons belonging to the minority communities injured during the period is 151.

(c) Some of the specific steps taken to curb the terrorists` attack on the minorities include strengthening of the security grid, establishment of security pickets, setting up of Village Defence Committees, dynamic deployment of forces, regular patrolling (including near minority inhabited areas), combing operations, laying of ambushes, sharpening of intelligence gathering mechanism of the state Police and pinpointed joint operations.

(d) From 1.1.98 to 31.3.2000

Number of terrorists killed 2326

Number of terrorists arrested under substantive law 939

The details of types of arms/ammunition seized during the period from 1.1.98 to 31.3.2000 is given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE
DETAILS OF ARMS/AMMUNITION SEIZED DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1.1.98 TO 31.3.2000

WEAPONS

1.AK-47/56/74 Rifle(s) 2998

2.Pistols/Revolver(s) 1043

3.UMG(s) 105

4.Carbine(s) 12

5.RPG(s) 256
6.GPMG(s) 4

7LMG/SLR(s) 14

8.303 Rifles(s) 26

9.Sniper Rifle(s) 53
10.Rocket Launcher(s) 187
11.Rocket Booster(s) 848

MAGAZINES

1.AK 47/56/74 Rifle 8695

2.Pistol/Revolver 1451

3.UMG 47

4.LMG 2

5.Carbine 8
6.Telescope 12

AMMUNITION

1.AK 47/56/74 Rifle(IN LACS) 3.76

2.Pistol/Revolver 70492

3.UMG 8613

4.Sniper Rifle 19956

5.303 Ammunition 399
6.Belted Ammunition 95559

7Telescope Rifle 0

EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL

1.Grenade(s)/Hand Grenade(s) 10956

2.IED(s) 1147

3.Explosive(s) 5942

4.Elec.Deton(s) 1460

5.Detonator(s) 10647
6.AP Mine(s) 787

7AT Mine(s) 121

8.R.D.X. in Kg. 1798

9.Rocket (s) 792

COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

1.Wireless Set(s) 1064

ACCESSORIES

1.Cordex in Mtrs. 2327

2.Binocular(s) 105